

A T R U E
C O P Y
OF THE LATE
Rev. Dr. JONATHAN SWIFT'S
W I L L.

Taken from, and compar'd with, the
Original.

IN the name of God, Jonathan Swift Doctor in Divinity, and Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Patricks, Dublin, being at all times of sound Mind, altho' weak in Body, do here make my last Will and Testament, hereby Revoking all my former Wills.

Imprimis, I bequeath my Soul to God, (in humble hopes of his Mercy, Through Jesus Christ) and my Body to the Earth, and desire that my Body may be buried in the great Isle of the said Cathedral, on the South side, under the Pillar next to the Monument of Primate Narcissus Marsh, three Days after my Decease, as privately as Possible, and at twelve a Clock at Night, and that a Black Marble of four feet Square and seven Feet from the Ground, fixed to the Wall, may be erected with the following Inscription in large Letters deeply Cut, and strongly Gilded. *Hic Depositum est Corpus, Jonathan Swift, S. T. D. Hujus Ecclesiae Cathedralis Decani, ubi Sæva Indignatio ultrius Cor Lacerare Nequit. Abi Viator et Imitare Si Poteris Strenuum pro virili Libertatis Vindicatorem. Obiit Anno*
Mense die Etatis Anno

ITE M I give and bequeath to my Executors, all my worldly Substance of what nature or kind soever, (Excepting such part thereof as is herein after Particularly Devised) for the following uses and Purposes, that is to say, to the intent that they, or the Survivors, or Survivor of them, their Executors, or

or Administrators, as soon as Conveniently may be after my Death, shall turn it all into ready Money, and lay out the same in Purchasing Lands of Inheritance in Fee Simple, situate in any Province of *Ireland*, except *Connaught*, but as near to the City of *Dublin*, as conveniently can be Found, and not Incumbered with, or Subject to any Leases for Lives, renewable, or any Term for years, longer than Thirty one. And I desire that a yearly Annuity of twenty Pounds Sterling, out of the annual Profits of such Lands when Purchased, and out of the yearly income of my said Fortune, Devised to my Executors, as aforesaid, untill such Purchase shall be made, shall be Paid to *Rebecca Dingley*, of the City of *Dublin*, Spinster, during her Life, by two Equal half yearly Payments on the Feasts of all Saints, and *St. Philip* and *Jacob*, the First payment to be made on such of the said Feasts, as shall happen next after my Death, and that the Residue of the yearly Profits of the said Lands when purchased, and untill such Purchase be made, the Residue of the yearly Income, and Interest of my said Fortune, Devised as aforesaid, to my Executors, shall be laid out in Purchasing a Piece of Land situated near *Dr Stephens's Hospital*, or if it cannot be there had, some where in or near the City of *Dublin*, large enough for the Purposes herein after mentioned, and in Building thereon an *Hospital*, large enough for the Reception of as many Idiots and Lunaticks, as the Annual Income of the said Lands, and Worldly Substance, shall be sufficient to Maintain. And I Desire that the said *Hospital* may be called *St. Patricks Hospital*, and may be Built in such a manner, that another Building may be added unto it, in Case the Endowment thereof should be Enlarged, so that the Additional Building may make the whole Edifice Regular and Compleat. And my further Will and Desire is, that when the said *Hospital* shall be built, the whole yearly income of the said Lands, and Estate shall for ever after be laid out in providing Victuals, Cloathing, Medicines, Attendance, and all other necessaries, for such Idiots, and Lunaticks, as shall be received into the same, and in Repairing and Enlarging the Building, from time to time, as there may be occasion, and if a sufficient number of Idiots and Lunaticks cannot readily be found, I desire that Incurables may be taken into the said *Hospital* to supply such deficiency, but that no Person shall be admitted into it that Labours under any Infectious disease, and that all such Idiots, Lunaticks, and Incurables as shall be received into the said *Hospital*, shall constantly live and reside therein, as well in the Night as in the Day, and that the Sallaries of Agents, Receivers, Officers, Servants and Attendants to be employed in the business of the said *Hospital*, shall not in the whole exceed one fifth Part of the Clear yearly Income, or revenue thereof. And

If further desire that my Executors, the survivors, and survivor of them, or the heirs of such shall not have Power to Demise any part of the said Lands, to be Purchased as aforesaid, but with the Consent of the Lord Primate, Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Archbishop of *Dublin*, the Dean of *Christ Church*, the Dean of St. *Patricks*, the Physician to the State, and the Surgeon General, for the time being, or the greater part of them under their Hands in Writing, and that no Leases of any part of the said Lands, shall ever be made other than Leases for years, not exceeding thirty one in Possession, and not in Reversion or Remainder, and not disipnisable of waste, wherein shall be reserved the best and most improved Rents that can reasonably and moderately, without Wrecking the Tenants, be gotten for the same without fine: provided always, and it is my will and earnest desire, that no Leases of any part of the said Lands so to be purchased, as aforesaid, shall ever be made to, or in trust for, any Person any way related or Allyed either by Consanguinity or Affinity to any of the persons who shall at that time be concerned in the Execution of this trust, and that if any Leases shall happen to be made contrary to my intention, above expressed, the same shall be utterly void and of no Effect. And I further desire, that until the Charter herein after mentioned be obtained, my Executors or the Survivors or Survivor of them, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, shall not Act in the Execution of this Trust but with the consent and approbation of the said seven additional Trustees, or the greater part of them, under their hands in Writing, and shall with such Consent and Approbation, as aforesaid, have Power from time to time, to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the Government and Direction of the said *Hospital*. And I make it a request to my said Executors, that they may, in convenient time, apply to his Majesty for a Charter, to incorporate them, or such of them as shall be then living, and the said Additional Trustees for the better management and Conduct of this Charity, with a Power to Purchase Lands, and to supply by election such vacancies happening in the Corporation as shall not be supplied by succession, and such other Powers as may be thought expedient for the due execution of this Trust, according to my intention herein before expressed; and when such Charter shall be obtained, I desire that my Executors, the Survivor or Survivors of them or the Heirs of such Survivors, may convey to the use of such Corporation, in Fee simple for the Purposes aforesaid, all such Lands and Tenements as shall be Purchased in manner above mentioned. Provided always, and it is my Will and Intention, that my Executors until the said Charter be obtained and afterwards, the Corporation to be thereby Incorporated, shall out of the yearly Profits, of the said Lands, when Purchased,

Purchased, and out of the yearly Income of my said Fortune, devised to my Executors, as Aforesaid, untill such Purchase be made, have Power to Reimburse themselves for all such Sums of their own Money, they shall Necessarily Expend in the Execution of this Trust, and that untill the said Charter be obtained all Acts which shall at any time be done in Execution of this Trust by the greater part of my Executors then Living, with the Consent of the greater part of the said Additional Trustees under their Hands in Writing, shall be as valid and Effectual as if all my Executors had concurred in the same.

Item, Whereas I Purchased the Inheritance of the Tythes of the Parish of *Effernock* near *Trim*, in the County of *Meath*, for two hundred and Sixty Pounds Sterling, I bequeath the said Tythes to the Vicars of *Laracor* for the time being, that is to say, so long as the present Episcopal Religion shall Continue, to be the National Established Faith and Profession in this Kingdom, but whenever any other Form of Christian Religion shall become the established Faith in this Kingdom, I leave the said Tythes of *Effernock* to be bestowed as the Profits come in to the Poor of the said Parish of *Laracor* by a Weekly Proportion, and by such Officers as may then have the Power of distributing Charity to the Poor of the said Parish, while Christianity under any Shape shall be Tolerated among us, still Excepting Professed *Jews*, *Atheists*, and *Infidels*.

Item, Whereas I have some Leases of certain Houses in *St. Kevin's-Street*, near the Deanery House, built upon the Deans Ground, and one other House now Inhabited by *Henry Land*, in *Deanery Lane* alias *Mitre Alley*, some of which Leases are let for forty one years, or forty at least, and not yet half Expired. I bequeath to Mrs. *Martha Whiteway* my Lease or Leases of the said Houses, I also bequeath to the said *Martha* my Lease of Fourty years of *Goodman's* holding for which I Receive ten Pounds per annum, which are two Houses or more lately Built; I bequeath also to the said *Martha* the Sum of three hundred Pounds Sterling to be paid her by my Executors out of my ready Money or Bank Bills immedately after my Death, as soon as my Executors meet. I leave moreover to the said *Martha* my repeating Gold Watch, my yellow Tortoiseshell Snuff Box, and her choise of four Gold Rings out of seven, which I now Posses.

Item, I bequeath to Mrs. *Mary Swift*, alias *Harrison* Daughter of the said *Martha*, my Plain Gold Watch, made by *Quare*, to whom also I give my Japan Writing Desk bestowed to me by my *Lady Worfley* my Square Tortoiseshell Suff Box richly lined and inlaid with Gold, given to me by the Right Honourable *Henrietta* now Countess of *Oxford*, and the Seal with a Pegasus given to me by the Countess of *Granville*.

Item, I bequeath to Mr. *Foliot Whiteway*, eldest Son of the aforesaid *Martha*, who is Bred to be an Attorney, the Sum of Sixty Pounds, as also five Pounds to be laid out in the Purchase of such Law Books as the Honourable Mr. *Justice Lyndsay*, Mr. *Stannard*, or Mr. *Mc Auley* shall Judge proper for him.

Item, I bequeath to Mr. *John Whiteway*, youngest Son of the said *Martha*, who is to be brought up a Surgeon, the Sum of one hundred Pounds, in order to qualify him for a Surgeon, but under the direction of his Mother, which said Sum of one hundred Pounds is to be paid to Mrs. *Whiteway*, in behalf of her said Son *John*, out of the Arrears which shall be due to me from my Church Livings, (except those of the *Deanery Tythes*, which are now Let to the Reverend Dr *Wilson*,) as soon as the said Arrears can be paid to my Executors; I also leave the said *John*, five Pounds to be laid out in buying such Physical or Chyrurgical Books as Dr. *Grattan*, and Mr. *Nocholls*, think fit for him.

Item, I bequeath to Mrs. *Ann Ridgway* now in my Family, the Profits of the Leases of two Houses Let to *John Cownly* for Forty years, of which only eight or nine are expired, for which the said *Cownly* payeth me nine Pounds Sterling for Rent yearly; I also bequeath to the said *Anne*, the Sum of one hundred Pounds Sterling, to be paid her by my Executors in six Weeks after my Decease, out of whatever Money or Bank Bills I may possess when I Die, as also three Gold Rings, the remainder of the seven above mentioned, after Mrs. *Whiteway* hath made her Choice of four, and all my small Pieces of Plate, not exceeding in Weight one Ounce and one third part of an Ounce.

Item, I bequeath to my dearest Friend *Alexander Pope of Twit-tenham*, Esq; my Picture in Miniature, drawn by *Zinck*, of *Robert late Earl of Oxford*.

Item, I leave to *Edward now Earl of Oxford*, my Seal of *Julius Cæsar*, as also another Seal supposed to be a young *Hercules*, both very choice Antiques and set in Gold, both which I chuse to bestow to the said Earl because they belonged to her late most Excellent Majesty Queen *Anne*, of ever Glorious, Immortal, and truly Pious Memory, the real nursing Mother of all her Kingdoms.

Item, I leave to the Revd. Mr. *James Stopford*, my Picture of King *Charles I.* drawn by *Vandike*, which was given to me by the said *James*; as also my Large Picture of Birds, which was given to me by *Thomas Earl of Pembroke*.

Item, I bequeath to the Revd. Mr. *Robert Grattan*, Prebendary of St. *Audeon's*, my Gold Bottle-Screw, which he gave me, and my Strong Box, on Condition of his giving the sole Use of the said Box to his Brother Dr. *James Grattan*, during the Life

Life of the said Doctor, who hath more Occasion for it, and the second best Beaver Hat I shall die possess'd of.

Item, I bequeath to Mr. *John Grattan*, Prebendary of *Clonmewan*, my Silver Box, in which the Freedom of the City of *Cork* was presented to me, in which I desire the said *John* to keep the Tobacco he usually cheweth, called *Pigtail*.

Item, I bequeath all my Horses and Mares to the Rev. Mr. *John Jackson*, Vicar of *Santry*, together with all my Horse Furniture, lamenting that I had not Credit enough with any Chief Governor, since the Change of Times, to get some additional Church Preferment for so virtuous and worthy a Gentleman; I also leave him my third best Beaver Hat.

Item, I bequeath to the Revd. Dr. *Francis Willson*, the Works of *Plato*, in three Folio Volumes, the Earl of *Clarendon*'s History in three Folio Volumes, and my best Bible, together with thirteen small *Persian* Pictures in the Drawing-Room, and the small Silver Tankard, given to me by the Contribution of some Friends, whose Names are engraved at the Bottom of the said Tankard.

Item, I bequeath to the Earl of *Orrery*, the enamelled Silver Plates to distinguish Bottles of Wine by, given to me by his Excellent Lady, and the Half-Length Picture of the late Countess of *Orkney*, in the Drawing Room.

Item, I bequeath to *Alexander Mc Aulay*, Esq; the Gold-Box in which the Freedom of the City of *Dublin* was presented to me, as a Testimony of the Esteem and Love I have for him on Account of his great Learning, fine natural Parts, unaffected Piety and Benevolence, and his truly Honourable Zeal in Defence of the Legal Rights of the Clergy, in Opposition to all their unprovok'd Oppressors.

Item, I bequeath to *Dean Swift*, Esq; my large Silver Standish, consisting of a large Silver Plate, an Ink-Pot, a Sandbox, and Bell of the same Mettal.

Item, I bequeath to Mrs. *Mary Barber*, the Medal of Queen *Anne* and Prince *George*, which she formerly gave me.

Item, I leave to the Revd. Mr. *John Worrall* my best Beaver Hat.

Item, I bequeath to the Revd. Dr. *Patrick Delany*, my Medal of Queen *Anne* in Silver, and on the Reverse, the Bishops of *England* kneeling before her most Sacred Majesty.

Item, I bequeath to the Revd. Mr. *James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*, my large gilded Medal of King *Charles I.* and on the Reverse a Crown of Martyrdom with other Devices. My Will nevertheless, is, that if any of the above-named Legatees should die before me, that then and in that Case, the respective Legacies to them bequeathed, shall revert to myself, and become again Subject to my Disposal.

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Item, Whereas I have the Lease of a Field in Trust for me, commonly call'd the Vineyard, let to the Rev. Dr. *Francis Corbett*, and the Trust declared by the said Doctor, the said Field, with some Land on this Side of the Road, making in all about three Acres, for which I pay yearly to the Dean and Chapter of St. *Patrick's*. And whereas, I have built a strong Wall round the said Piece of Ground, eight or nine Feet high, faced to the South Aspect with Brick, which cost me above six Hundred Pounds *Sterl.* and likewise another Piece of Ground, as aforesaid, of half an Acre adjoining to the Burying Place, call'd the *Cabbage-Garden*, now tenanted by *William White Gardiner*; my Will is that the Ground enclosed by the great Wall may be Sold for the Remainder of the Lease at the highest Price my Executors can get for it, in belief and hopes that the said Price will exceed three hundred Pounds at the lowest Value; for which, my Successors in the Deanery shall have the first Refusal; and it is my earnest Wish and Desire, that the succeeding Deans and Chapters, may preserve the said Vineyard, and Piece of Land adjoining, where the said *White* now liveth, so as to be always in the Hands of the succeeding Deans, during their Office, by each Dean lessening one Fourth of the Purchase Money to each succeeding Dean, and for no more than the present Rent. And I appoint the Hon. *Robert Lindsay*, one of the Judges of the Court of *Common Pleas*, *Henry Singleton*, Esq; Prime Serjeant to his Majesty, the Revd. Dr. *Patrick Delany*, Chancellor of St. *Patrick's*, the Rev. Dr. *Francis Willson*, Prebendary of *Kilmacallway*, *Eaton Stannard*, Esq; Recorder of the City of *Dublin*, the Rev. Mr. *Robert Grattan*, Prebendary of St. *Audeon's*, the Rev. Mr. *John Grattan*, Prebendary of *Clonmethan*, the Rev. Mr. *James Stopford*, Vicar of *Finglass*, the Rev. Mr. *James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*, and *Alexander M'Aulay*, Esq; my Executors. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, and publish'd and declar'd this as my last Will and Testament, this third Day of *May* 1740.

JONATHAN SWIFT.

Signed sealed and publish'd by the above named *Jonathan Swift* in Presence of us who have subctribed our Names in his Presence, a Black Line being first drawn thro' these Words in the last Line but one (and the Recorder for the Time being) in Token that they are to be omitted.

*John Wynne,
John Rockfort,
William Dunkin.*

IN the Name of God Amen, I *Jonathan Swift*, Doctor in Divinity and Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick's, Dublin, being weak in Body but sound in Mind, do make this codicil Part of my last Will and Testament, and do appoint this Writing to have the same Force and Effect thereof.

Whereas the Rt. Hon. *Theophilus Lord Newtown*, deceased, did by his last Will and Testament bequeath unto *Anne Brent*, a Legacy of Twenty Pounds Sterl. a Year during her Life, in Consideration of the long and faithful Service of her the said *Anne*. And whereas the said *Anne*, since the Death of the said *Lord Newtown*, did intermarry with *Anthony Ridgeway*, of the City of Dublin, Cabinet Maker, and that the said *Anthony Ridgeway* and *Anne* his Wife, for valuable Considerations, did Grant and Assign unto me, the said Dr. *Swift*, the said Annuity or Rent Charge of Twenty Pounds Sterl. per ann. to hold to me, my Executors, and Administrators, during the Life of the said *Anne*, and the said *Anthony Ridgeway* being since dead. Now I the said Dr. *Swift*, do hereby make and bequeath unto the Rev. Dr. *John Wynne*, Chanter of St. Patrick's, Dublin, the Rev. Mr. *James King*, Curate of St. Bridget's, Dublin, and the Rev. Dr. *Francis Willson*, Prebendary of Kilmatalway, and the Survivor or Survivors of them, their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, the said Annuity or yearly Rent Charge of Twenty Pounds Sterl. per ann. devised, by the said *Lord Newtown* to the said *Anne*, to have, receive and enjoy the same during the Life of the said *Anne*, to the Uses, Intents and Purposes herein after specified, that is to say, it is my Will, that my said Trustees, and the Survivor or Survivors of them, his and their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, shall (so soon after as they shall have received the said Annuity, or any Part thereof, as conveniently as they can) Pay or cause to be paid unto the said *Anne Ridgeway*, the said Annuity of Twenty Pounds Sterl. per ann. during her Life. In Witness whereof, I the said Dr. *Jonathan Swift*, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal and published this Codicil as Part of my last Will and Testament this Fifth Day of May 1740.

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Signed, sealed and published in Presence of us, who witnessed this Codicill, in presence of the said Testator,

John Lyon,
William Dunkin,
Roger Kendrick.

